

August 30, 2004; Agenda Item No. 15

Resolution No. 04-65

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR THE SOKA UNIVERSITY ACQUISITION PROJECT, UNINCORPORATED CALABASAS AREA.

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants to acquire, protect, and restore land and water resources in the major coastal watershed of Santa Monica Bay; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, ensure that Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed, link and integrate new natural parks into existing park system, and link key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies; and

WHEREAS, The MRCA has made a request for a grant from Proposition 50, Chapter 10, Section 79570(c); and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources of the Santa Monica Bay coastal watershed; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 50, Chapter 1, Section 79501(f); and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
5. ADOPTS the staff report dated August 30, 2004 for this item.
6. AUTHORIZES a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Soka University Acquisition-Project Planning and Design.
7. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director